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SUMMARY: COVERAGE OF HOUGHTON MACK MISSION LIMITED
BUT SEIZED UPON BY EGYPTIAN GAZETTE FOR ATTACK ON U.S.
AL PLODS TOWARDS SUMMIT. SYRIA REPORTED IN
AGREEMENT, WHICH MAY PRECIPAITATE MOVEMENT. OTHER LEBANON
DIPLOMACY MENTIONED, INCLUDING AL-KHULI DEPARTURE FOR DAMASCUS
AND POSSIBLE SYRIAN VISITS BY SARKIS AND FRANJIYA. PRESS
SCORES SYRIA.

1. HOUGHTON-MACK MISSION AND US "SCHEME" IN LEBANON.
COVERAGE OF HOUGHTON-MACK MISSION TO LEBANESE RIGHTISTS WAS
LIMITED TO REPORT THAT TWO MET WITH FRANKIYA AUGUST 23 AND
HAD FURTHER TALKS WITH SARKIS. JUMBLATT QUOTED AS SAYING
HE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT MISSION BUT EBLIEVES US WANTS TO
SEE WAR IN LEBANON CONTINUE FOR BENEFIT OF ISRAEL. IN HIS
VIEW, US COULD END THEWAR IF IT CHOSE TO. HE ASKS FOR
INTERVENTION OF "FREE WORLD" (PRESUMABLY NEW TERM FOR
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USSR) TO PUT END TO FIGHTING.

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2. ENGLISH LANGUAGE GAZETTE BUILT AGGRESSIVELY
ANTI -USEDITORIAL AROUND HOUGHTON-MACK MISSION AND JUMBLATT'S
COMMENTS WHICH UNFORTUNATELY SEEMS ACCURATELY TO REFLECT
WIDELY HELD CONCERN HERE. THRUST OF ARTICLE IS THAT CONNECTION
MUST EXIST BETWEEN US MISSION, CHAMOUNSIT OBDOURACY AND
CONTINUATION OF WAR. CHAMOUN IS "AMERICAN STOOGE OF LONG
STANDING", BEGINNING WITH HIS REQUEST FOR AMERICAN INTERVENTION
IN 1958. TODAY, EVIDENCE MOUNTS IN SUPPORT OF CONTENTIONS
THAT "AMERICAN DIPLOMACY" HAS ARRANGED FOR SYRIAN INTERVENTION
AT SIDE OF MARONITES FREE FROM ISRAELI REACTION. SYRIANS HAVE
"CLEARLY FALLEN FOR US-ZIONIST BLANDISHMENTS", MOST LIKELY A
SLICE OF LEBANON, IN EXCHANGE FOR CESSION OF GOLAN AND CRUSHING
OF PALESTINAINS. JUMBLATT CORRECT IN SAYING THAT US WANTS TO
SEE WAR CONTINUE FOR BENEFIT OF ISRAEL AND US INTENTIONS
NOW COMING OUT INTO OPEN WITH HOUGHTON-MACK MISSION" "A STEP
TO RECOGNITION OF A PERMANENTLY DIVIDED LEBANON."
EDITORIAL
ASKS IF STATE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO DECLARE OPPOSITION
TO PARTION AND WHY ARABS DO NOT DEMAND SUCH A STATEMENT.
(COMMENT: DEPT SPOKESMAN'S USEFUL REMARKS AUG 23 HAVE BEEN ISSUED
AS USIS PRESS RELEASE).

3. SUMMIT ON LEBANON. AL'S EMBARRASSINGLY SLOW PROGRESS TOWARDS
ARAB SUMMIT WAS TACTFULLY OVERLOOKED BY PRESS. ALL PAPERS,
HOWEVER, TERSELY REPORT OFFICIAL SYRIAN AGREEMENT TO SUMMIT,
NOTIFIED IN KHADDAM CABLE TO MAHMUD RIAD. (COMMENT: IT
POSSIBLE THAT SOME ARABS HAVE HEDGED OFFICIAL ACCEPTANCE
OF SUMMIT PROPOSAL WHILE AWAITING CLARIFICATION OF SYRIAN
INTENTIONS. WITH SYRIAN AGREEMENT, THEY MAY NOW BE WILLING
TO ANNOUNCE SUPPORT FOR SUMMIT.)

4. IN REPORTS OF OTHER LEBANON DIPLOMACY, AHRAM QUOTED
SYRIAN COLONEL HASSAN IN BEIRUT AS SAYING SARKIS WOULD VISIT
DAMASCUS AT ASAD INVITATION BEFORE ASSUMING PRESIDENCY.
CAIRO RADIO CLAIMED FRANJIYA ALSO LIKELY INVITEE. AL REP
AL-KHULI LEFT CAIRO FOR DAMASCUS WITHOUT FANFARE AUGUST 23.
HE WILL PROCEED FROM THERE TO BERITU "IN FINAL ATTEMPT TO
PREVENT CONTINUED DETERORTATION OF SITUATION".
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5. GUMHURRIYA SCOOPED OTHER DAILIES WITH REPORT FROM WELL
INFORMED SOURCES IN BERITU THAT SYRIANS NOW PREPARING TO
OCCUPY LEBANESE CAPITAL. AHRAM FOUND ROOM FOR INDIGNATION
ON FRONT PAGE FOR AFP ITEM FROM TEL AVIV QUOTING "GRAND
RABBI OF MEXICO" HERSHBERG THAT SAD HAS ASSURED HIM THAT
JEWS IN SYRIA WILL BE ALLOWED TO JOIN FAMILIES IN ISRAEL.
AHRAM NOTED AFP COMMENT THAT THIS NEWS WELCOME IN ISRAEL

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BECAUSE THERE ARE 4000 (SIC) JEWS IN SYRIA (TO ADD TO ISRAELI RANKS) AND IDEA FITS IN WITH SYRIAN-ISRAELI MOVEMENT TOWARDS OPENING OF GOLAN BORDER. GUMHURRIYA EDITORIAL ON SYRIAN-ISRAELI COMPLICITY BROKE NO NEW GROUND IN DENOUCNING "FACE OF TREASON" OF SYRIAN BA-ATH.
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